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Hold Sunstroke Industrial Accident.

The industrial accident board of Texas held that sunstroke is an industrial accident. This decision was reached in the case of Roy L. Stewart, who lost his life while in the employ of the F. A. Jones Construction company at Camp McArthur, near Waco, last summer. As such employee he was covered by insurance, the construction company being a subscriber to the employers' liability act, and on the date of the accident carried a policy with the Ocean Accident and Guaranty corporation.

The construction company contended that it was not liable for death or injury of any of its employees from sunstroke. The order entered by the industrial accident board provides that Stewart's beneficiaries are to receive the sum of \$12.17 per week for 300 weeks, dating from July 27, 1917. Of this amount \$30 is to be paid for attorney's fees.

Shipbuilding Workers to Be Listed.

To aid the shipping board in carrying out its great merchant shipbuilding program the chamber of commerce of the United States has launched a movement to enroll all men formerly engaged in the shipbuilding trade so that they may be called to the yards as needed. The chamber's national war shipping committee announced that local committees are being formed in various cities to make a survey of labor resources and to secure the consent of employers to release former shipbuilding workers when necessary.

..... The week's collection for members to the Red Cross Chapter has just closed. The sum of \$235 was added to the Red Cross funds.

Jackson.—Capt. T. M. Gates, born in Paris, Tenn., and for 75 years a resident of this city, celebrated his seventy-ninth birthday.

Movement to Make Pershing Chief.

Washington.—A new commander of the American expeditionary force in France may be named. A plan is on foot to bring General Pershing home to make him Chief of Staff and to send to take his place General Thomas H. Barry, Commander of the Central Department. The knowledge acquired by General Pershing concerning actual war conditions in the European conflict would make him invaluable as the head and directing spirit of the General Staff during the remainder of the war.

STATES LOOK TO WORKERS' SAFETY

Are Awakening to Necessity of Conserving the Available Labor Supply.

WAR HAS HELPED MOVEMENT

Workmen's Compensation Laws Also Largely Responsible for Good Results Over Four-Fifths of the United States.

War's heavy demands upon our industries have given increased importance to the protection of the industrial army. "Safety first" efforts, resulting from workmen's compensation laws, are being redoubled as the necessity of conserving the available labor supply is becoming more acute.

Many thousands of men have been drawn out of industrial occupations by the mobilization of the military forces. And the sudden and unprecedented advent of men and women, young boys and girls, into unaccustomed occupations to meet the need of maximum output of essential materials is stimulating the extension and enforcement of protective measures for labor, such as compensation for injured workers and prevention of industrial accidents.

The country is fulfilling this requirement of preparedness. Substantial gains in the field of workmen's compensation are reported by the American Association for Labor Legislation in its fourth annual edition, just issued, of "Standards for Workmen's Compensation Laws."

During 1917 five additional states enacted such laws. Numerous other states made far-reaching improvements in their existing statutes. On October 6, also, congress passed and President Wilson signed the bill which the association was officially requested to draft, restoring to longshoremen and other workers in and about vessels at the docks the benefits of state workmen's compensation laws, of which they had been deprived by the United States Supreme court's divided opinion in the Jensen case.

Aids as Effective War Measure.

"This measure," according to Secretary John B. Andrews, "provides an urgently needed adjustment which will do much to assist the effective prosecution of the war work of the government and opens the way for comprehensive application of state compensation acts to industrial accidents in marine employment."

The new legislation of the last year brings the total of workmen's compensation states up to 27, including four-fifths of the map of the United States. Porto Rico, Alaska and Hawaii have also adopted compensation laws. The federal government now protects its half million civilian employees with a



Workmen's Compensation Laws in Effect in States Shown in White.

model measure, embodying substantially all the provisions recommended in the "standards."

Missouri, North Dakota and Virginia are conspicuous among the 11 states that have not yet adopted workmen's compensation. In Missouri the efforts of employers and employees have been thwarted for six years by a hostile element in the state senate. Favorable sentiment in these states, however, has so far developed that this legislation is expected soon.

Universal Health Insurance.

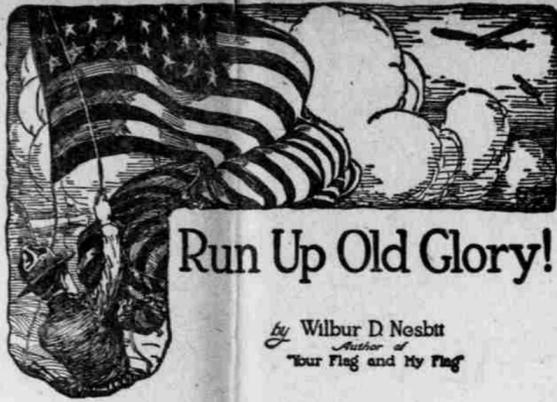
Along with the rapid spread of workmen's compensation since April, 1911, when the first general state compensation law to go into effect and stay in effect was enacted, similar progress is reported toward universal health insurance for protection in sickness and childbirth, as industrial accidents are now protected.

Announcement is made in the association's new bulletin on compensation standards of the addition to its committee on social insurance of former Congressman David J. Lewis, now a member of the federal tariff commission, Commissioner James M. Lynch of the New York industrial commission, and Francis King Carey, manufacturer and attorney of Baltimore. This committee has already prepared legislation for workmen's health insurance to bring about a "health first" movement supplementary to the "safety first" campaign that has accompanied workmen's compensation.

In the eight states where legislative commissions are now at work studying this measure, which is characterized by United States Surgeon General Rupert Blue as "the next great step in social legislation," there is manifested among employers, physicians and labor greater insistence upon such protective measures for working men and women as an effective means of keeping labor power at the highest point of efficiency and of sustaining the nation's industrial strength in war time.

The aggregate wages paid in manufacturing in New York state factories in September, 1917, showed an increase of 5 per cent over August.

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Run Up Old Glory!

By Wilbur D. Nesbit
Author of
"Our Flag and My Flag"

Run up Old Glory!

Let it blaze
In red and white against the sky
And tell the story of the days
When hearts were stout and hopes were high
Forget the daily fights of greed,
Forget the struggles, the dismay
Of facing cruelty and need—
Run up Old Glory for the day.

Run up Old Glory!

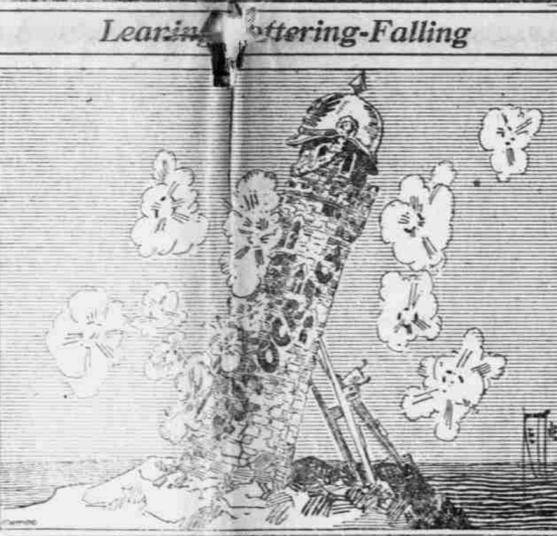
Think of all
The old flag means to you and me,
Of how the blast of freedom's call
Shook out its folds from sea to sea,
Red with the blood that it has cost,
White with the souls of them that died—
To-day by laughing breezes tossed
It whispers of a nation's pride.

Run up Old Glory!

Fling it forth
And feel anew the country-call
That thrills East, West and South and North
And has its word for one and all
Run up Old Glory—fling it far
Across the blue of heaven's dome,
And feel that every stripe and star
Is warder of your hearth and home.



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